

REMARKS

Claims 1-37 of the parent application have been cancelled and claims 38-61 have been added by the above-identified amendment.

No new matter has been added. The new claims presented above correspond directly to the rejected claims of the parent application. Specifically, claims 38-61 correspond to rejected claims 1-12 and 17-28 of U.S. Patent App. Serial No. 09/033,514. For example, independent claim 38 corresponds to independent claim 1 of the parent application, and independent claim 50 corresponds to independent claim 17 of the parent application. In order to obviate a 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, rejection, the new claims have been amended from the parent application to reflect the language of the originally filed specification.

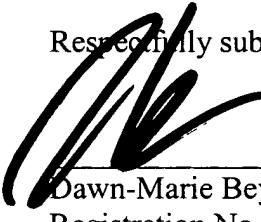
Claims 38 and 50 find support, for example, in the originally filed specification on page 33, lines 11 to page 34, line 23. Claims 38 and 50 find additional support in the originally filed specification on page 11, lines 16-19. Claims 39 and 51 find support, for example, in U.S. Patent No. 5,942,157 (the ‘157 patent) to which the current application claims priority at col. 7, lines 31-36 and col. 11, lines 41-44. Claims 40 and 52 find support, for example, in the ‘157 patent at col. 6, lines 38-45 and col. 7, lines 21-24. Claims 41 and 53 find support, for example, in the ‘157 patent at col. 2, lines 40-47. Claims 42 and 54 find support, for example, in the ‘157 patent at col. 7, line 35 to col. 8, line 52. Claims 43 and 55 find support, for example, in the ‘157 patent at col. 2, lines 45-47. Claims 44 and 56 find support, for example, in the ‘157 patent at col. 9, lines 5-14. Claims 45 and 57 find support, for example, in the ‘157 patent at col. 11, lines 44-45. Claims 46 and 58 find support, for example, in the ‘157 patent at col. 9, lines 46-47.

Claims 47 and 59 find support, for example, in the '157 patent at col. 9, line 48. Claims 48 and 60 find support, for example, in the '157 patent at col. 9, lines 49-50. Claims 49 and 61 find support, for example, in the '157 patent at col. 10, lines 57-63.

The undersigned representative submits that the claims as presented are allowable over the previously cited prior art. The undersigned representative kindly requests entrance of this amendment prior to examination on the merits. Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned representative if doing so would be helpful in expediting prosecution.

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